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VARIED EVENTS FEATURED AT CARNIVAL WEEKEND

Stop. Look. and Listen! No, it isn't the Jerry Lester show, it's a meeting of the Sophomore Class. How strange... everyone is on his knees. Ed Flynn, class president, is leading the prayer. I can only hear faintly, but they sound like they're saying, yes, they are saying, "and please, if it's at all possible, we'd be so grateful if you'd just send us some snow for February 2, 3, & 4 Amen."

Now I understand why they are all on their knees-so it will snow for carnival weekend. Year after year it has been the same story, no snow and the carnival weekend was a flop...this year it's going to be different though. Although snow is significant of a winter carnival, the class of '53 won't have to worry too much, for they've got tremendous alternate plans.

And now let's look in on a meeting of the Freshman class. They're praying too! Hey what is this? They don't want snow too. Let's listen again, "...and all we need now to make the ball a complete success is to have everyone attend! See what you can do, please Amen."

So that's it... all plans are in shipshape...and you...and you...and you can answer that prayer. You can't miss this. This is "it." The biggest carnival weekend in the history of T.C., so fellows ask those girls quick before they are all taken, and girls, look your prettiest and act your nicest and you can be sure you won't be sitting home these big three days.

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COMING ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, February 13, Mr. Robert W. Stokes and Mr. Gordon I. Robertson of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. will visit Fitchburg Teachers College to demonstrate new developments in the field of communication. This visit will be sponsored by the EPSILON PI TAU Fraternity and will take place in the Herlihy Auditorium at 1:00 P.M.

"Telephoning By Radio" will give a fascinating glimpse of the use of radio in the telephone system. Using a miniature working model of one of the radio relay stations, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Robertson will transmit sound and music over a microwave beam illustrating the way in which television programs, telephone calls, teletypewriter and facsimile messages are beamed into New England. They will also demonstrate the operation of the beamed radio channel which is now operating from the mainland to Nantucket Island and similar types of installations which are used to pick up television programs over short distances.

The demonstration will also include descriptions of ship-to-shore, mobile radio service and other uses of radio in present day telephoning.

NEWMAN CLUB NEWS

The next formal meeting of the Newman Club will be on Wednesday, January 31. At this meeting there will be a presentation of the Papal Blessing by Miss Margaret Shea, principle of O'Connell. This blessing is one obtained at Vatican Headquarters, it is the official Vatican seal and entitles all members to the Papal Blessing of the Holy Year.

Pat Griffin, the club's librarian, will discuss her views for the circulation of Catholic literature.

Plans for the Lent lecture series will start February 7th. The series consists of six lectures on vocational guidance. February 11th, is Newman Day. Exercises on the observance of Lent will be outlined and reviewed.

Following this business meeting there will be dancing and refreshments in the Lobby.

FRESHMAN TEA

The Freshman Tea was held in Miller Hall on Thursday, January 11, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Those attending seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, chatting and smiling over the tea cups. The freshman looked very sweet in their best finery.

The tea is an annual affair here at F.T.C. and the girls look forward to it every year. It is sponsored by all the upper class girls. However, special credit goes to Helen Mullin and Sue Forster who were in charge of the tea.

The food was excellently prepared by Mrs. Tousignant. Dainty sandwiches arranged artistically on plates, tasted even better than they looked. The tea itself was unanimously pronounced delicious. Pourers were Helen Mullin, Jane Philbrick, Marian Chesnick, and Nancy Gentch.

Dr. and Mrs. White graciously attended and were welcomed by Marian Kennedy who was in charge of reception.

They will demonstrate a revolutionary development of the Bell Telephone Laboratories—the Transistor. This new electronic device, which is about 1/2 the diameter of a cigarette and about 1/4 as long, will perform many of the functions of the present-day vacuum tube as it is used in the telephone business.

This is a real opportunity to catch up on the latest developments in communication. It is a non-technical demonstration presented from the viewpoint of the average telephone owner.

S.C.A. NEWS

The first Student Christian Association meeting of 1951 was highlighted by a talk given by Mr. William Rasche. A senior at the Episcopal Theological School Cambridge, Mr. Rasche chose as his subject, "The Christian Ministry."

During his talk, the speaker gave a cross section of his fellow students which showed the varied backgrounds of those who enter the ministry.

Mr. Rasche indicated the similarity of the ministry and teaching professions when he paralleled their aims. That there is a need in the missionary work for teachers as well as clergymen, doctors, and social workers was brought out by Mr. Rasche.

Following the talk, refreshments and community singing closed the meeting.

The S.C.A. girls basketball team is doing a grand job. Looks like they will be among the finalists. It is well worth the time spent in watching them. They certainly deserve a lot more attention than they are receiving. Let's have a larger cheering section for them in their future contests.

The time, place, and subject of the February meeting will be posted as soon as arrangements are completed.

MEN BEHIND THE STICK

Here at T.C. we have a Department which few other than the I.A. men know exists. It is a branch of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Education.

This department is set up in the Graphic Arts Shop of our I. A. Building where the men are taught how to operate a linotype machine. A necessary requirement for admission to this department is that you must be handicapped. Another is that you must be from Massachusetts. The course is approximately one year in length from the time of their entry till the time of their departure. It prepares the men for jobs such as becoming a Newspaper linotype operator or for a job shop.

There are six men in this course now. Mr. Russell R. Cook is their Instructor and is a graduate of T.C., class of '48.

They are:

Leland Oliver, who comes from Gloucester, and who graduated from Gloucester Vocational School.

Daniel J. McGee is from Roxbury, Mass. For a time he worked at the Tremont Printing Company, before he came to T.C.

Charles Zalenski comes from Lawrence and is a graduate of the Lawrence High School and has attended Haverhill Trade School.

William MacRoberts is from Dennisport, down the Cape way. He graduated from Yarmouth. Henry Cutting is from Brain-

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SKID ROW BURNS 24 HOMELESS



Twas a wintery night of the Christmas vacation and all was quiet. Then, just for excitement's sake of course, George Mailman discovered a fire in the girl's barracks. The fire department (and their many followers) arrived promptly and the fire was soon under control. However, as soon as they turned their backs and began to roll up the hoses and whatever else a fireman does after a fire, the thing blazed up again. Too bad we weren't here for the excitement wasn't it?

F.T.C. ON THE AIR

Station WEIM has invited the students of T.C. to give a series of radio programs entitled "College Views and Interviews."

In the College Interviews Series a guest expert in a field of popular interest will be present. A group of college students will interview him or her to obtain answers to questions for their fellow collegians.

Such topics as Juvenile Delinquency, Civilian Defense, Flying, Student Military Affairs, American Way, and Personality Problems are in the agenda.

The first program was on Juvenile Delinquency. Miss Mary Gibbons and Mr. Phillip Monahan, Juvenile Probation officers in North Worcester County were interviewed by James O'Sullivan, Roberta O'Rourke, and Allan Williams. The music was our school Alma Mater, sung by the "Smith, Smith, Casassa, and Convery Quartet."

The second program was on Civilian Defense. This program was based upon the Civilian Defense Charts published in the Fitchburg Sentinel. Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bresnahan, U.S.A. retired, used this interview as his initial program in Civilian Defense in this area. The interviewers were Nancy Bunyan, Rosalie McInerney, Pat Foley, and

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Then came the big problem.

What to do with the twenty-four barracks girls. There was some room in the dorm, but certainly not enough for all twenty four. They could always sleep on the benches in the admin. lobby, if worse came to worst; a little hard we'll agree but better than nothing. Oh well, it would be different anyway.

Then, Dr. White to the rescue! He instantly began getting in touch with the girls. This caused very little commotion, except when one or two, no names of course, just couldn't be reached. He didn't have much trouble getting help as people began to offer rooms for the girls right away. On Friday morning they came up to claim their clothes. There was little damage, aside from smoke and water (that's not unusual is it?) and they went cheerfully to work sorting out clothes to send to the cleaners—except for Ann McKeeman who didn't have anything to sort. One way to get a new wardrobe isn't it girls—anyone got a match?

Now for a peek into the dorm, it's Monday night, January 1, 1951 and the poor dorm girls have arrived to find their territory invaded. Ann McKeeman, Marty Mannion, Betty Smith, Jean Conaty, Delores Girard, Pat Ryan and Jean Cadwell are glowering from their new perches in the dorm.

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The second semester of this year will see the abrogation of the cut system here on this campus. The reason seems to be that the old system was abused to excess in a great many cases and found ineffective in dealing with the students.

The cut system has for many years been a part of college life. Some colleges allow unlimited cuts, others allow only limited cuts and still others allow none whatsoever. However, at the present time the general swing in college thinking has been away from a cut system which has been found to be ineffective. Today the number of colleges that have a cut system do not constitute the majority that it did in the past.

Every effect must have a cause and this abolishment of cuts is no exception. To find out just what this cause was, the editors of this paper decided to consult the faculty in charge of administration policy, and bring before them the opinions of the students.

The main objection to the cut system seemed to be that the students were not practicing the student responsibility principle which they felt should exist and over-cutters were becoming more and more of an administration problem. The only immediate solution which could be seen for this problem was its abolishment, but not without reservations. The committee in charge of the new policy did not want to infringe upon the rights of any of the members of the student body, and so, for that reason made absence from class possible when the occasion was needed. The question of a cut will be between the student and instructor who has the right to refer a student to the Dean if such action is felt necessary. The problem will then be handled as one of guidance by the administration.

The students should be informed, however, that the door to a cut system has not been completely sealed. Dr. White has stated that he would be glad to have any student representative or group of students meet with the faculty and discuss the matter more completely. It is indeed the hope of THE STICK that complete satisfaction can be obtained through such a meeting for both the faculty and the student body. We, of THE STICK, would like to see some type of cut system made possible and not destroyed by the actions of immature students. Whether this system could be a return to the old system with positive enforcements of definite limitations or not is a question to be discussed. The editorial board of THE STICK will discuss plans for such a meeting with the faculty board as soon as possible.

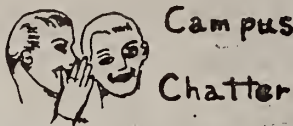
The Silver Lining

Let's get away from the cut system for a while and discuss a matter in increasing importance. The matter is the apparent drop in the morale of the men of this college due to the draft. Such a condition has been found to exist and some students who have been doing A and B work have been seen to drop to C's and D's in the past exams.

We all realize that the prospects of world turmoil do have an impact on our lives but they should not destroy our confidence in ourselves. They should not cause us to have a cynical outlook on life and destroy our sense of values.

A scholar once said, that a mature man is one who can execute reason without the show of emotion. The only way we can face life today is with a sense of maturity. We must be able to meet the issues as they come and be prepared to act upon them.

Let's not feel that something is inevitable and thus submit to it. Education is going to mean a great deal to us throughout our lives it will present us with the opportunity for success. Let's not sell it short now because things look dark. Let's look for the silver lining. To meet these issues and to have strength to act wisely is going to require help. That help can only be found in God, if we seek it from the world then we are disappointed.



Having recuperated from exams, (or have we?), we, the Gold Dust twins, (we guilt our dirt before we distribute it) come to you again with the latest. The Christmas vacation did things for some people--like engagement rings. Best wishes are in order to Judy O'Shea, Jean Conaty (Stick Co-Editor) Connie Bovenzi and Bev Wiltshire who are now wearing lovely sparklers on their third fingers, left hand. The next fatal step was also taken--Congratulations to Ed Dodge who was married recently.

Palmer and Miller Halls went all out for the Christmas season. Signs decorated many windows of both dorms--we just don't realize how talented some of our students are. The advertisement for the Gav-Co-op Christmas dance was quite clever with Rudolph and his flashing red nose. May we suggest though, Ralph, that if Rudolph is to adorn the roof of Palmer Hall porch again next year, he be fed a little better. He looks like he was from the leftovers in the dining hall.

Embarrassing moments --- Gerry Leblanc, in a demonstration lesson at T.C. Junior High School locked himself in his own hand cuffs and couldn't open them. He was locked in them until a member of the Gardner Police came with the key and unlocked them. Might we add that Gerry is a member of the Gardner Police force!! Now how did he ever get into a situation like that? Never mind Gerry, training is almost over.

Odd tidbits--Joan Arthur has suddenly developed a liking for a certain tie. In fact she likes it so well she wears it to bed every night. Careful you don't tie it too tight, Joan.

Joan Sculley has it soft these days. If she arrives late for class she's got a good excuse. She can simply say her car got stuck in the snow. That goes for Lois Hanson, Joan Wilson and the other girls who have cars--Miss Clark too!

All girls interested apply Diana Fernandez for names and addresses of West Pointers--she made a trip up that way over the holidays.

The Weatherman gave us a preview of the weather for Carnival weekend--Snow and ice, so don't miss it! The Ball and weekend are Feb. 2, 3, and 4. We hear it's going to be bigger than I. A. and that's bigger than all of us--so you can imagine!!!

Carl Erickson, Jack Newell and Kenny Fitzgerald are banding together to start a new company entitled "Ice Hops of 51" with Betty Duhamel as the featured skater -- another thing you shouldn't miss.

Imagine the barracks burning because it was overheated!! When the poor girls nearly froze to death all through the year. Gee, those girls have it hard now ---they have to trudge the weary path to school each day and have to cope with three room furnished apartments, (with kitchen facilities), television sets, all new furniture, and Carol LeClair can even have candy in her room! -- But such is life -- must be getting along--see ya folks!

G. CLIFF

I was Dancin' with my darlin' Ah.... Representative of the great thorns that at the present time pierce the side of American music. The reason that this song is so representative in my mind at the present moment is the fact that you can not turn around without being plagued with hearing it. It has a very nice melody and passable words, in fact on the first few listenings it is quite enjoyable. But when a person hears it on the average of twenty times a day, seven days a week it becomes annoying. Again the question is posed, why? why???? does it become popular? Possibly the American mind is not capable of digesting anything better, but I hope not. It's popularity in this area may be attributed to the large influx of National Guard Regulars to the local Fort Devens. These people came from Tennessee, and naturally clung to this song as part of their "homeland". This is perfectly justifiable, since I am quite sure that a cross section of Massachusetts would plug the Massachusetts Waltz if such a song is ever written.

Again a compliment to the song(?), the recording that Patti Page made of it was very clever. The idea of an artist singing the melody, and the harmony is very interesting and unique, but even the novelty of this wears off after the ninety ninth hearing. I guess the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that the song killed itself by being played and heard too much.

The song is again representative of a trend in contemporary pop music, that trend being the incooperation of the cowboy lilt to a great majority of our music, the discussion of this subject can however, by necessity, wait for another time.

On the other hand let's have more recordings, become popular like "Seranata", of which the

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ASH TRAY

Everybody is basically dishonest", he said. "You don't really believe that do you", I asked? He answered with an assured, "I certainly do."

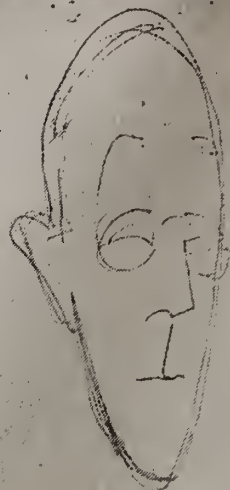
The above conversation took place some time ago. The person to whom I was talking is a fellow student of this school. The whole scene remained locked in my mind. I thought about it at some length. Yet, I cannot seem to make it comrehensible even now. That anyone should sincerely believe that everyone is basically dishonest is such an abhorrent thought that it forbids mental digestion.

First of all, it just isn't so. People are not basically dishonest nor are they basically honest. They are basically people. Their disposition toward more or less honest behavior is a matter of environment and, perhaps to a degree, heredi y. Thus, my first reaction to the statement is one of denial. It just isn't so and that an educated adult should have this a considered belief is quite absurd.

My second reaction is one of anger. Of all the small, narrow, twisted, grubby, perverse philosophies I have encountered, this foul sentiment is certainly the worst. In one sloppy, sweeping generalization it reduces all love, kindness, sympathy, philanthropy, all goodness to a level of the insidious connivings of barbarous, treacherous animals.

This man is training to be a teacher. Perhaps, by the labors of an acquisitive, not inquisitive,

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MR. SOCIOLOGY

"Shall we say that--er--nevertheless--ah--yes? Some bright little creature in the first row has just interrupted one of our faculty. The Seniors, Juniors and most of the Sophomores must have recognized him--and the Freshmen soon will. That's right, it's Mr. Donoghue, teacher of Sociology and Economics.

Cornelius S. Donoghue was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1901, the youngest of six boys, all of whom are now Holy Cross Graduates. He attended St. John's grammar and high school, Holy Cross College and received his A.B. in 1924, Clark University, A.M. in 1926, and took Psychology of Reading Courses at Boston University. Mr. Donoghue taught at Holy Cross from 1925-'37 when he came here with the introduction of the graduate program. He served on the summer faculty for four years, from 1931-'35, on the School Committee in Worcester from 1932 through '33 on the minimum wage boards here in the State during the late '30's, and on the A.R.P. where he held a responsible position during the war.

A member of the N.E.A., Mr. Donoghue is active and also belongs to the American Association of University Professors. He is a charter member in Massachusetts State Employees Association. At one time he was president of the training school P.T.A. here in Fitchburg. Numerous committees and groups have been added to by the assistance of our Soc. professor. One might say that he has seen political science in actual operation.

Mr. Donoghue has prescribed Sociology as the field for anyone interested in a busy and active life. Social science is his vocation and advocacy. His Master's thesis was on "Abnormal Dependency in the City of Worcester" and this is what first interested

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SOCIAL CALENDAR SECOND SEMESTER

Jan. 26	Basketball Game-Worcester at Worcester
Jan. 31	Plymouth Basketball Game at F. H. S. Gym.
Feb. 2	Carnival Ball
Feb. 3	Basketball Game-No. Adams at F. H. S. Gym
Feb. 7	American International Girls Basketball
Feb. 22	to Mar. 4-Winter Vacation
Mar. 16	Adelphian-Coop.-St. Patrick's Darnce
Mar. 23	Good Friday
Mar. 25	Easter
Mar. 30	Gavaleer Dance
Apr. 6	Tokalon Formal
Apr. 18	Junior Prom
Apr. 19	to 20-Patriot's Day Recess
Apr. 28	to May 6-Spring Vacation
May 11	Senior Prom
May 17	W.A.A. Banquet
May 23	All College Picnic
May 26	Gav.-Hawk Formal
May 26	Esoteric Formal
May 30	Memorial Day
Jun. 9-10	Commencement Weekend

ASH TRAY

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mind he shall absorb enough facts, methods and techniques to have all the appearances of a good teacher. Yet, how can he be? Certainly a person who believes that everyone is basically dishonest his no sense of moral obligation. How can he? To be consistent with his belief he must believe that the laws of every church, of every society have been propagated by basically dishonest people. And, if that were the case he would be obliged to give them no credence. Now it is accepted by many that the teacher is a very large factor in the molding of a child's moral character. This man is preparing to be a teacher. The implication is obvious.

Well perhaps I have taken the whole thing too seriously. The remark which gave impetus to my train of thought might have been one of those idiotic statements that some are too prone to make.

But, if it was a deliberate and conscious statement you, the reader of this article, have been included in the accusation of being basically dishonest. How do you feel about it?

W.A.A. VARSITY

This year, as in the past, basketball has attracted the interest of a large number of girls. In order that everyone may engage in active participation the basketball sport's program has been divided into three divisions, varsity, junior varsity and intramural.

The varsity has thus far engaged in three games, winning two and losing one. They suffered their single defeat at the hands of A. I. C., losing by a very close margin--34 to 32.

Thursday's game January 11 which was held in the College Gym was a return game played with St. Mary's C. Y. O. of Ayer. The Fitchburg sextette, paced by nimble-footed Lois Lovell maintained a lead throughout the entire game. Lois was high scorer for Fitchburg with a total of twenty points while Mary Gilson led St. Mary's C. Y. O. with eighteen points. The score at the end of the game was Fitchburg 51, St. Mary's 24.

This year promises to be a

very active one for the Varsity and judging from past accounts --a successful one.

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N. Kenney	G. Bennett
J. Laventure	J. Francoeur
L. Lovell	P. Morse
A. McKeeman	H. Mullin
M. Brennan	M. Hertel
B. Sherwin	C. Lynch
R. Dennis	P. Hartshorn
E. Mague	M. Murnane
G. Denault	C. Sheehan
B. LaFlame	J. Gasbarri
	M. Harrington

Official Varsity Timer and Scorer: J. Zwieseale, E. Weiner

CARNIVAL

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The ball will be at the Armory Hall again this year, and you'll be dancing to the strains of Frankie Dee's music from 8:00 to 12:00. The Carnival Ball as everyone knows by now is the big affair of the school year. The main event of the ball is the coronation of the King and Queen. They are two seniors, chosen by the student body of the college. The Queen's Court will consist of six freshmen girls: Elaine McCarski, Mary Murphy, Irja Palojarvi, Ann Rilchards, Corrine Sullivan and Janice Williams. The carnival ball is also the time when the Class of '54 unveils its colors and sings its class song for the first time. The words and music for the Freshman Class song were both written by Charles Thomas.

The overall chairmen of the ball are the class officers; Dave Meadows, President; Marion Roberick, Vice-president; Maureen Elder, Secretary; and Jim Haverty, Treasurer. The chairmen of the sub-committees are as follows; Advertising, Ed Sheehan; Cleanup, Norman Methot; Decorations, Ann LeBlanc; Hall, Rick Ferris; King and Queen, Connie Daly; Invitations, Dick Tucker; and Orchestra, Al Mezzanotti. Best of luck to the Freshman Class on their first school affair.

If you plan to stay for the weekend, and I'm taking it for granted you do, the Sophmores have a schedule that will keep you on the go from mornong til night. snow or otherwise. Take a glimpse at the gala events that



The Falcons of '51

won't let you stop to take a breath.

If the weatherman is real good and sends snow, they have a real old-fashioned outdoor weekend planned. On Saturday morning from 9:45 until 11:45, the annual snow sculpturing contest will be held. Unlike other years, this year there will be a theme, "Songs." This gives each class a wide variety to choose from, but makes it easier on the judges. The public relations committee plans to have a big write-up on this sculpturing, so it would be nice if you went all out for this year and really gave the people something to talk about. Saturday afternoon, an ice skating party will be held at Cogshall park. The stone house will be reserved for T.C.; there you'll find soft music, a cozy fireplace, --and refreshments.

THE FALCONS OF "51"

Saturday evening a hot and heavy basketball game will be on tap, North Adams T.C. will invade Fitchburg T.C. in a game to be played at the High School Gym. Following the game will be an informal record dance back at the T.C. gym.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a ski meet on Hospital Hill. The ski club will provide the entertainment with all the thrills of a big ski meet. Winners of each meet will be awarded sterling silver medals by the Sophomore class.

In case there isn't any snow, the alternate plans sound just as good. Saturday morning "we'll let them sleep," as Sophomore class president puts it. Saturday afternoon you'll have a choice of roller skating or bowling at Whalom Park. Saturday night the schedule will be the same whether it snows or not, and on Sunday afternoon you can take in a quick flick in the school auditorium.

The plans for the weekend are sensational, aren't they? How can you miss? You can't....See you there!

NEW BRITIAN 84

FITCHBURG TEACHERS 64

A valiant try by the Green and White Cagers failed on Wednesday, January 10, as they attempted to break their losing streak in their second game of the season against the Blue Devils of T.C. of Connecticut. This was their sixth loss of the season as compared with only three on the black side of the ledger. The final score was 84 to 64. The F.T.C. warriors were behind for most of the game, but never gave up hope even though they were outclassed greatly by their rivals. At the end of the first period the Falcons were on the short end of a 19-15 count and gave every indication that they were out to win the battle. They fell steadily behind, however, as the game wore on and trailed 37-27 at half-time. The third period ended with the Green and White down 61-48. The Connecticutmen made up for the rest of the twenty point deficit in the final stanza.

New Britian's center Reilly led the scoring with a total of 26 points to his team's total.

High for F.T.C. were Bob Duncan with 18, Ed Sandomierski with 14 and Bobby Farrar with 12.

In the Falcon's December sixth encounter with the boys form New Britian, they were overwhelmingly defeated and as this return match got under way it looked as if the underdogs were out to even the score. An early game offensive showed plenty of pep. This bogged down under the snappy ball handling of the opposition and it was nip and tuck for the first quarter.

From where we sat, however, it looked as if the visitors had been surprised. Johnny Kiesses stole the ball right from under their nose several times and the rest of the squad gave good account of themselves for the most part. The only answer we can see for the defeat is that F.T.C. was playing out of its class.

F.T.C. VS PLYMOUTH

In their first post-vacation game the Falcons went down to defeat. This was the fifth loss in eight starts for the Green and White. Victories for the Fitchburg cagers were their games with the Alumni, Salem Teachers College, and Willimantic Teachers College. The Falcons have lost to Assumption, Gorham State Teachers College of Gorham, Maine, Teachers College of Conn. at New Britain, Worcester Tech., and now Plymouth.

The victorious notherners scored 32 field goals to Fitchburg's 24, thus gaining a safe margin of victory. Two of Plymouth's high scoring players were veterans of last year's team. They were Forward Shanalaris with 23 points and Guard Robittaille who scored 16 points for the victors. Also in the double figures for Plymouth was Center Moulton who marked up 12 towards his team's total of 71.

Fitchburg high scorers were Ed Sandomierski with 23 and Bobby Farrar who made 16 points.

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CUT SYSTEM PRO & CON

In case you are wondering just why the old Cut System had been definitely abolished here at T.C. The Stick would like to try and enlighten you.

First of all here is the new system which went into effect with the birth of the new semester on January 22. It is as follows:

A. The "Cut" system shall be abolished.

B. As an alternative measure:

1. Absence from any class, for any reason, shall be a matter between the student and the class instructor concerned.

2. The class instructor shall have the option of referring the student to the respective Deans.

3. Any student who has been absent for a personal reason may elect to take his or her problem to the Dean instead of discussing it with the class instructor.

4. All cases of more than three absences from any class shall automatically receive the attention of the Deans.

C. It shall be considered a matter of courtesy for a student who is tardy to explain such tardiness to the class instructor at the end of the class.

Do you realize that the government and the state have been, until now, helping to pay for some people's education at the Spa instead of at T.C.? Well, you know the taxpayer doesn't like that. After all, the government pays for all of the G.I.'s education and the state pays for half of all of our education. The Veteran's Administrator demanded of this college that something be done in order to assure veteran's attendance. Therefore, some plans for new regulations were immediately set in motion. There are many other reasons why the cut system was revised, too. One being that no instructor enjoys teaching to a handful of students.

Don't worry! Most of you will not be too harshly effected by this system. Most, not all. For you are the ones who aren't absent from class anyway. When it is necessary for you to be so, no instructor is going to refuse you a permission. This system is for that person who is at college only for a passing grade, a good time, and to spend other people's money foolishly.

Since this situation had to be solved, a committee of faculty members was elected to draw up a new system. Due to the necessary rush the student body could not be consulted. In the future it is hoped that, like the Public Relations Committee, the student body will be responsible enough to have representation in such important matters. This of course, will take time. To do this would have taken too much valuable time.

After the new system was completely drawn up it was submitted to the faculty as a whole,

passed unanimously.

This is not a new problem to the upperclassmen since it has been argued and frowned upon by them for a series of years. This problem, however, is approaching a serious stage on the students' view point, and for this reason a cross section of the students were to voice their opinions. When asked the question, "What do you think of the abolishment of the cut system", the following answers were received:

"It is strictly high school level to abolish the cut system." Patricia Ryan

"I don't think they should abolish it. I don't think 3 cuts is unreasonable when we pay to go here." Diane Fernandez

"I think it is still a debatable subject and has to be thought about more. It should be discussed openly between students and faculty". Priscilla Bento

"I will readily agree that "cuts" in many instances are not used for the purpose intended. However, if cuts are entirely abolished and we (the students) have to wade through the usual ream of red tape in order to gain admittance to class after an absence which we deem necessary I think it shows poor judgement on the part of the administration." Bud Wheeler

"In my opinion the "cut system" should not be abolished. Mr. Weston's staff is already overworked without adding another burden to them that of writing out excuses for every absence. Anyone who is here for an education is not going to take cuts since they are paying for their education. I believe that three of four cuts should be given per semester as a whole." Dick Newell

Abolish the "cut system" and you will start the students going to colleges, which have "adult students. Allow the students to seek their education as they see fit. Therefore, I feel there should be no cut system or perhaps something we could call "unlimited cuts". M. Harrington

"I think we ought to have cuts. Since people in this college are supposed to have good judgement they should be able to use cuts as they were intended to be used in case of emergency. Ir-



ving Dennis

"I think it is undemocratic to abolish the cut system. If we aren't old enough to know when to go to class we shouldn't be here. This isn't teaching us much responsibility." Jane Blake

"I am not in favor of abolishing the "cut system". A student in college has reached the age of judgement and if she or he takes a cut it is generally for a sound reason. I feel that students on the President's list should be entitled to "unlimited cuts". Mildred Murnane

"I don't think we should, it is very juvenile and leading us back to high school." Anita Wheeler

"Those who cut just for the sake of cutting will find other ways of getting out of classes. Those who use their cuts with discretion will possibly find it a hardship if the cut system is abolished". Beverly Sherwin

"I think that we are old enough to use our cuts in the right manner and we should not be deprived of this privilege. I think that a student who has a certain percentage should have unlimited cuts." Nancy Kenney

WEIM

(Continued from page One) Murray Smith. The Alma Mater is sung on all of these programs.

Others to appear are: Lt. Gen. Lyle Halstead, Mr. Roger F. Holmes, Dr. Ellis F. White, Mr. Michael Conlon, Miss Elizabeth Haskins, Dr. Florence Swanson, Mr. Phillip MacMurray, and many others.

Invitations for candidates for this program participation were sent to the college Sororities, and Fraternities, and to the students as a whole to submit names of those who would be interested in taking an active part in these discussions.

The "College Views" programs will consist of a series of Inter-collegiate discussion groups of students from Boston University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Harvard, Fitchburg State Teachers College, and Clark University. The main topics of these programs will be: Civil Rights, Propaganda, A Best Seller, and Modern Arts.

MR. SOCIOLOGY

(Continued from page two) him in the city surveys which each and everyone of his Sociology students find as an assignment.

Mr. Donoghue now resides in Worcester with his wife and five children, four girls and one boy. Cornelius, Jr.'s main ambition is to become a second "Cousy".

With his good nature Mr. Donoghue is often easy going with his students but wait 'til you get one of his famous or should I say infamous tests!!! However he is a well-liked teacher and in spite of the moans and groans you really do get a lot out of those Ecological Surveys...and not just typers cramp...I know, I just wrote one and I was surprised!!! So good luck Mr. Donoghue and we hope you'll be with us for quite some time.

T.C. VS PLYMOUTH

(Continued from page three) The Plymouth five led throughout the game and was never in serious trouble. At the end of the first period the score stood at 16-14, and at half-time the Green and White was behind 37-21. In the third stanza the Falcons closed in on their opponents somewhat and at the three quarter mark the score 49-40. The final heat was fairly even and the game ended with Plymouth the victor by 11 points-71-60.

MEN BEHIND THE STICK

(Continued from page One) tree and has graduated from Stetson High School.

Robert Ricker is a native of Leominster and attended the Leominster Vocational School. For a time he worked for the Leominster Daily Enterprise.

These men do all of the setting up and typing of THE STICK. If it wasn't for them we probably wouldn't have a paper. Besides this they proof and perform all the hundreds of little, but back-breaking jobs necessary in order that we, the student body, might have a newspaper.

They also do job work for the college and set up much of our Sax Directory. They certainly do lots of work for very little credit.

This Vocational Rehabilitation Division has its main office in Boston under the head of the Vocational Division. It also has other offices in Boston, Lowell, Springfield, and Fall River. Each one of these offices takes care of a certain territory of the state. Fitchburg comes under the Lowell office. Each office is allotted two men to send here each year. Other fellows are trained in Waltham for watch repairing or at some other college or on the job training program.

BARRACKS FIRE

(Continued from page One) Now down to East Street where we find Pat Murray, Lorraine Domingue, Carol Leclair, and Phil Brennan happily settled in their new home. Let's visit Mrs. Flynn on Myrtle Avenue. Here we find Pat Kennedy, Pat Foley, Jane Wood and Rosalie McInerney talking over the vacation and what "fun" they're going to have back here in Fitchburg. Over on Highland Avenue we find Margie Swift, Jayne Philbrick, Sally Healy, and Fran Wood gazing out the window at the I.A., the biggest thing on campus. I think that takes care of them all, if I've left anyone out, it's purely coincidental.

You can take a stroll past the barracks with a clothespin on your nose, of course, and never even guess that there was a fire. But take off that clothespin and B-R-O-T-H-E-R!!!

All in all, the girls were very cooperative. We realize that there would be no rental problem if the barracks was rebuilt and it's too bad to have to separate them but they're being wonderful about it and don't think that this isn't appreciated.

A note of thanks is extended to the Fitchburg Fire Dept. for doing such an excellent job. In spite of the icy weather they were on the job in a moments notice.

G-CLEFF

(Continued from page two) Boston Pops have a terrific recording. Outstanding in particular is it's style which is adaptable to this type of a musical organization. Just take a listen to the quick bass, and the delightful flowing melody of the work. Wonderful! Notice the revival of some of the old songs. "Guilty" is again making itself popular; "Some-time" was written in 1925. Does this indicate a need for something better in American music? Some of the really individual stylists have gone back to some of the older songs for their music. Geo. Shearing is a good example of this. "I'll Remember April," "September in the Rain", "I Didn't Know What Time It Was", "Cherokee", and many others have formed the Shearing repertoire. Speaking of George Shearing, he has of late been seen a few times on Ed Sullivan's video show. Many of our local citizens would scoff at Shearing if some one over enthusiastically said, my children and you shall hear them rave about the blind pianist that was on TV with Ed Sullivan. Stupid isn't it. Another member of the Shearing Quintet that is very seldom heard of, and who goes a long way towards making the music wonderful is Marjorie Hyman, the little girl that plays the vibes with George. Our hats off to Marge.

It is amazing to me to think that music is being so greatly under valued in this country. Music is regularly recognized as a much greater medium of expressing emotion than art, but our contemporary music does nothing but appeal to the simple mind that does not want to cope with anything interpretive. But... art is scooping music. Again why??? People go crazy over some of our contemporary interpretive artists but scoff at some of our real interpretive musicians. Kenton went a long way towards introducing a really interpretive thing in pop music, but he was pushed out, ...practically.

Going to a completely different personality, let's look at Richard Wagner. Did you know that he was very interested in dogs? Hardly a day went by in Wagner's life that he did not own a dog of some description. He would play for hours with a completely canine audience. He enjoyed doing just this sort of thing, much to the annoyance of those who lived about him. You see Wagner liked a large dog in particular.

See you next week.

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